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MINUTES

LEPC Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2007

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held July 11, 2007 at Wally's Restaurant, 6521 Ringgold Road in East Ridge, Tennessee. The following constitutes the minutes of that meeting.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, CFD; **Chairman**
Bill Tittle, **Vice Chair**
Dawn Ford, Health Dept., **V/Chair**
Larry Martin, McKee Foods, **Vice Chair**
David Darnell, BASF, **Vice Chair**
Jack Gray, Pathway Polymers, **Vice Chair**
John Piotter, Guardian Group, **Vice Chair**
Wayne Stuntz, **Secretary/Treasurer**
Dr. Ray Burden, UT Ext. (**Guest Speaker**)
Tim Yonts, Woodbridge Foam
Caroline Williams, LWV
Tim Arnold, USCG-Auxiliary
Karen Dale, INVISTA
George Sivils, INVISTA
Mike Flynn Sr., East Ridge Fire Rescue
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Jimmy Hibbard, TN State Guard
Jeremy Swilley, City Land Development Ofc.
Terry Parks, Memorial Health
Michael Steele, Chattem Chemicals, Inc.

Craig Froehling, Horizon Milling
Robert Hadden, THP
Mike Flynn, East Ridge FD
John Leach, HEPACO
John Bennett, JIT Chemical Corp.
Mark Zinnanti, TN American Water
Susan Holmes, TN American Water
Robert McCain, Chattanooga Gas Co.
Mark Starrett, Chattanooga Gas Co.
Joe Miller, ADTECH
Dan Coleman, ADTECH
Mark Hogan, ALSTOM
Mickey Blevins, ALSTOM
Patrick Flynn, AGL Resources
Richard Taylor, TEMA
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Richard Twitchell, Consultant/Chatt. State
Charles Goodner, RACES
Elizabeth Forrester, Cherokee Cleaners

Introductory Remarks: Bruce Garner, Chairman, began by welcoming all in attendance and asked for personal introductions.

- Chairman Garner then asked if there were any attendee's who wished to become members of the LEPC. The following personnel representing their company/facility asked to become members:
 - Alstom Power renewed membership: Primary member Mark Hogan with Mickey Blevins as an Alternate.
 - Horizon Milling: Primary member Craig Froehling.

- Advanced Technologies (ADTECH): Primary member Joe Miller with Dan Coleman as Alternate.
- Chattem Chemicals: Primary member Michael Steele with Brad Parr as Alternate.

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- Chattanooga Gas. Primary member Robert McCain with Mark Starrett as Alternate.
 - UT Extension: Primary Dr. Ray Burden with Tom Stebbins as Alternate.
- Chairman Garner then asked for a motion to approve new members as presented. Dick Twitchell made a motion to approve new members, seconded by John Piotter. No further discussion. Motion carried. Bruce welcomed all new members.

Old Business:

- Motion to approve May 16, 2007 LEPC meeting minutes was made by Larry Martin, and seconded by Bill Tiltle. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- Financial report given by Secretary, Wayne Stuntz. Motion to approve made by Jimmie Hibbard, seconded by David Darnell. No further discussion. Motion passed.
- Chairman Garner passed around a flyer announcing the date/time and location for the free HAZWOPER Refresher Course (giving those in attendance a first come first serve opportunity to attend this class) being offered on Oct 4, from 08:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Chattanooga Fire Training Center on Amnicola Highway. Secretary Stuntz said he would send the HAZWOPER flyer to the rest of the full committee with the minutes of this meeting (see attachment).

New Business:

Guest Speaker: Dawn Ford introduced Dr. Ray Burden, County Director at UT Extension, Hamilton County who addressed the committee on "Agriculture Emergency Preparedness and Response". Dr. Burden's presentation focused largely on emergency response as it pertains to animals—which surfaced as a major issue during the 2005 Katrina Disaster. Dr. Burden also spoke about the Hamilton County "Disaster Animal Response Team (DART)—whose duties it is, at the local level, to provide assistance for removing (evacuating and sheltering) companion animals and on a larger scale assist the Tennessee Department of Agriculture or USDA if there was a major incident of livestock or foreign animal disease outbreak. Dr. Burden's presentation was very informative, well presented and well received by the committee. Dr. Burden added that his department was able, through a State Homeland Security grant, to supply two (2) emergency response units for animal disaster for our Homeland Security district—i.e. to purchase trailers, cages, leashes and different types of identification, etc. A brief, but pertinent, question and answer period followed.

Other Business

- Chairman Garner brought the committee up-to-date on the LEPC training classes conducted last month at the Chattanooga Fire Training Center. Bruce said that thirteen (13) attended the Fire Extinguisher training on June 18th; thirteen (13) attended the Heart Saver and Family First Aid class on June 19th; and eight (8) attended the Health Care Providers class on June 20th. Bruce then covered the expenses that the LEPC incurred for the classes, which came to a little more than \$339.

- Chairman Garner took the opportunity to let the committee know that because the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has taken a new and aggressive approach to strengthen security at US Chemical plants nationwide—Mr. Dan Gilley, Regional Advisor

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for East TN Department of Homeland Security was in town a couple weeks ago to begin identifying “High Risk” facilities that will fall under the new Chemical Security Regulation Program. Bruce said that Mr. Gilley visited the LEPC Office to begin identifying those companies. Bruce asked if there were any company’s present that was contacted by Mr. Gilley. Two companies acknowledged Mr. Gilley had contacted them.

- Chairman Garner pointed out that, historically, LEPC elections have been conducted annually in September. However, he reminded all present that the full committee approved changes to the LEPC By-Laws on July 12, 2006. As a result, terms of office for the Chairman and Vice Chair positions were expanded to two-year terms—therefore negating the need for elections at the upcoming September meeting.

Date and Location of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at BASF, 3805 Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Meeting adjourned.